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In Re Application of:

BARNETT et al.

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Title: POLYNUCLEOTIDES ENCODING
ANTIGENIC HIV TYPE C POLYPEPTIDE,
POLYPEPTIDES AND USES THEREOF

Examiner: B. Whiteman

Group Art Unit: 1635

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing, please find the following documents:

x Response to Office Action (16 pages)

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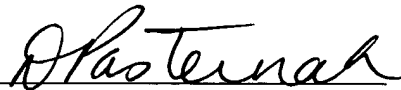
The fee is calculated as follows:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	59	- 90	0	x \$18.00	\$0
Independent Claims	4	- 10	0	x \$88.00	\$0
Multiple dependent claims not previously presented, add \$300.00					\$0
Total Amendment Fee					\$0
Petition for Extension of Time Fee					\$0
Small Entity Reduction (if applicable)					\$0
TOTAL FEE DUE					\$0

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-1648.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office Action, mailed on July 30, 2004, for which a response is initially due on or before October 30, 2004. Because October 30, 2004 falls on a Saturday, a response may be filed the next business day, Monday, November 1, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.